

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING DULOXETINE §  
AND INTERMEDIATES FOR USE THEREIN §

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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments to the above-identified application as follows. The changes made are shown by underlining the added text and striking through the deleted text.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.